

SENATE BILL 3330  
By Kilby

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section  
16-15-5004, relative to general sessions  
jurisdiction.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-15-5004, is amended by adding  
the following as a new subsection thereto:

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(1) Effective September 1, 2006, in counties of the fifth class having a population  
of not less than twenty-one thousand one hundred (21,100) nor more than twenty-one  
thousand two hundred (21,200) according to the 2000 federal census or any subsequent  
federal census:

(A) The general sessions court shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the  
circuit and chancery courts over workers' compensation cases, divorce and all  
other domestic relations cases, and mental health commitment cases; and

(B) Regardless of the court exercising jurisdiction, workers' compensation  
cases, divorce and all other domestic relations cases, and mental health  
commitment cases, shall continue to be filed in the clerk's office where such  
cases were filed on June 30, 1999.

(2) This subsection shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3)  
vote of the legislative body of any county to which it may apply. Its approval or  
nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the county legislative body  
and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 2. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 1.